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Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No.10-90, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Public Regulatory Authority (Authority) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications of Connecticut (Frontier or Company) is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited below.

Frontier has certified to the Authority that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company within Connecticut was used in the preceding calendar year 2016 and will be used in the coming calendar year 2018 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

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^{1 47} C.F.R. §54.314(a) <u>Certification</u>. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard T. Skarzynski at 860.827.2816.

Sincerely,

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